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Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-24 of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on residential streets within the three areas bounded by (1) Koenig Lane to the south, Airport Boulevard to the east and North Lamar Boulevard to the west, (2) Anderson Lane to the north, North Lamar Boulevard to the west, IH 35 West Service Road to the east and Airport Boulevard/Huntland Drive to the south, and (3) MoPac to the west, North Lamar Boulevard to the east, Enfield Road to the north, and West 6th Street to the south.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$22,220 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for the installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal Impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material (click to open)

Ordinance

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In 2005, the Legislature amended the Texas Transportation Code to allow a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway or street if:

- The highway or street is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system:
- The highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- Vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street; and
- The highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel

Most of the streets within the two residential areas bounded by; 1) Koenig Lane to the south, Airport Boulevard to the east and North Lamar Boulevard to the west, and 2) Anderson Lane to the north, North Lamar Boulevard to the west, iH 35 to the east and Airport Boulevard/Huntland Drive to the south are eligible for 25 miles per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Guadalupe Street. St. Johns Avenue. Twin Crest Drive, Roland Johnson Drive, Lamar Place, Chevy Chase Drive, Northway Drive, Denson Drive, Dillard Circle and a section of Northcrest Boulevard, Blackson Avenue, Duval Street, and Burns Street.